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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO CPA

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is being filed with a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) Request. Please enter the following preliminary amendment in the cited application.

## In the Claims:

Please amend claim 6 as follows:

- 6. (Amended) A method for modifying the surface of a substrate comprising the steps of:
- placing on said surface an article comprising (i) a melt-flowable (a) composition and (ii) a dimensionally stable film for controlling the melt-flow behavior of said melt-flowable composition, such that said melt-flowable composition contacts said surface,

said film having a surface topography;

(b) heating said article to cause said melt-flowable composition to flow over and substantially cover a desired area of said surface to adhere said article to said surface,